

Title	Blood Lead Specimen Collection and Transport
Specimen Requirements	Capillary and Venous blood specimens are accepted from health care providers throughout the State. Venous specimens should be collected in purple top tubes.
Sampling Materials	Health Care Providers may request supplies for specimen collection and transport in support of the Lead and Healthy Homes Program for childhood lead poisoning prevention screening using State Form 53546, http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/53546.pdf .
Procedural Notes	Specimens must be capped, labeled and submitted with a screening form or other appropriate paperwork.
Shipping Instructions	<p>For the Lead and Healthy Homes Program, specimens should be sent in the supplied styrofoam boxes, venous mailing tubes, and mailing bags which conform to USPS requirements.</p> <p>Blood Lead specimens are packaged and shipped as Biological Substance, Category B. No refrigeration is necessary. All specimens should be delivered or shipped to:</p> <p>ISDH Laboratories Blood Lead Lab 550 W. 16th Street, Suite B Indianapolis, IN 46202</p>
Reporting and TAT	<p>Blood Lead results are reported in ug/dl. Any initial high result from a capillary blood draw must be followed by the collection and analysis of a venous blood specimen.</p> <p>A guideline for the interpretation of pediatric results is presented at http://www.in.gov/isdh/CaseMgtChart.pdf.</p> <p>Blood Lead Screening Reports are usually mailed within 10 business days.</p>